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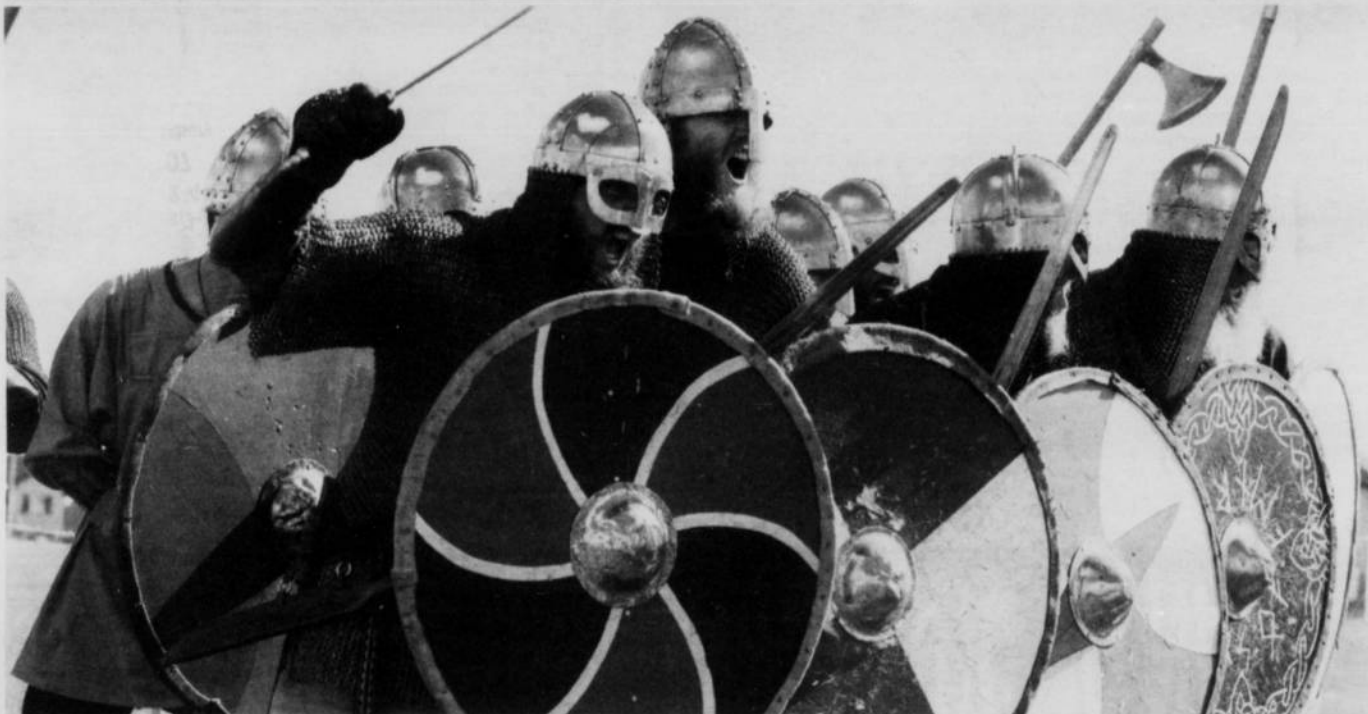
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The Viking Sons of Fenrir will headline The Days of Yore, two days of historical re-enactments on the Heritage Day long weekend, launched this year by the Mountain View Arts Society July 30 and 31 at the Rosebud Park. See story page 2.

Roy Brown sues town in small claims court

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Former chief administrative officer Roy Brown is suing the Town of Didsbury in small claims court for four months of salary and benefits for allegedly terminating his employment contract without cause.

A statement of claim filed in Alberta's provincial court (civil) on Dec. 21, 2015 states that, under the contract, Brown's salary in 2015 was \$152,000 per year and estimates that his benefits were \$27,900 per year.

The reasons for the claim states that the employment contract could only be terminated for just cause or on the payment of four months' pay in lieu of notice.

Brown is claiming \$80,000 plus interest "under the Judgment Interest Act," but "abandons that part of (the) claim that exceeds the financial jurisdiction of the court." Provincial court of

Alberta (civil) judgments are limited to \$50,000.

The \$80,000 claim is made up of \$50,666.67 for wrongful termination or breach of contract, \$5,000 for lost benefits and \$25,000 for "aggravated and/or punitive damages."

The claim alleges that in June 2015, "Mr. Brown was placed on disability leave due to health issues (and) during his illness Leave certain members of council commenced a campaign to discredit, embarrass and humiliate Mr. Brown."

On Oct. 8, he "provided his doctor's confirmation that he was fit and able to return to work and that he would do so on October 13."

He was advised by email Oct. 9 and letter Oct. 12 that he was being placed on leave pending an investigation into "accusations of malfeasance".

The two parties exchanged correspondence in October and November. Brown declined to meet with the town

and provided written responses to what he considers the "false allegations" against him.

In November, he learned that the town had hired an acting chief administrative officer who would take office on Dec. 1, 2015.

"It became apparent that the (Town) was not proceeding in good faith without any genuine intention to allow Mr. Brown to respond to the False Allegations," the reasons for claim states.

On Nov. 26, the Town of Didsbury "formally confirmed to Mr. Brown that it had terminated (his) Contract and Mr. Brown's employment effective November 24, 2015, alleging just cause."

Allegations in the statement of claim have not been proven in court. The town has not filed a defence. Town council's discussions of this matter have been held in "in camera" meetings and are confidential.

Is Shantz for sale?


BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury council is considering the sale of the Shantz Crossing 45-acre industrial park for development as a seniors' housing community, sources in the development community said in interviews Jan. 11 to 16.

The option is behind a decision to fast-track the first \$1.3 million for the \$4.4-million Rosebud wastewater trunk line into the 2016 capital budget, although the Rosebud line will serve a large land block on the north side of the town that is slated for housing development. The town developed Shantz Crossing for industrial use, however has been unable to close a deal with industrial companies.


An announcement is expected soon from the town on the fate of Shantz Crossing.

See the letter to the editor on page 7.



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Arts society launches Heritage Day festival

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Days of Yore, two days of historical re-enactment in Didsbury's newly rebuilt Rosebud Park, will be unveiled on the Heritage Day holiday weekend.

The Mountain View Arts Society will stage the event July 30 and 31, adding a third major fête to its annual roster that includes the spring art show and the autumn Mountain View Arts Festival.

Society president Kathleen Windsor said Jan. 12 that the premier Days of Yore would feature the Sons of Fenrir Vikings who have become perennial favourites at the arts festival. Also performing re-enactments will be the Dragons Own Medieval Combat Group and the First Special Service

Force Re-enactment Group, the Cannoneers and the 78th Fraser Highlanders.

"The Days of Yore will entertain and educate through first-person interpretation and recreation of historical events," Windsor said.

"By combining historical realism with a touch of fantasy, our guests will offer a show that will thrill and entertain."

"A re-enactment event with such a wonderful variety of historical opportunities has never been done before and the society has a great hope that it will bring out-of-towners to Didsbury."

Windsor also said the society's 5th annual arts show will be held again in conjunction with the chamber of commerce's Art, Travel & Trade Expo April 9-10 at the

Memorial Complex and curling rink.

Meanwhile the 6th annual Mountain View Arts Festival, dogged by horrid weather in the past two years, will move indoors Sept. 10 and 11.

"The Sons of Fenrir will be at the Days of Yore and will not be part of the arts festival this year. "We can't have a Viking firepit indoors," she said.

Heritage activities will be held at the Didsbury Museum, literary arts will be at the library and the quilt show at the train station. Other venues will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

"Everything will be within walking distance of each other," Windsor said.

"There is a great opportunity on this weekend to sell our town."

Syrian family expected soon

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

A 44-year-old Syrian concrete worker, his 33-year-old wife and their eight children, ranging from two months to 18 years of age, will be settling in Olds with the financial sponsorship of a group of Didsbury and Carstairs-area citizens.

The family is currently in a refugee camp in Turkey and will be flying to Canada some time in the next two months, a group meeting of 30 at the Bergthal Mennonite Church learned Jan. 14 from its volunteer leader, Phil Heidebrecht of Crossfield.

The family will be asked to repay their airfare and the Canadian government will contribute \$11,000 in the first year of their life in Canada. The balance of the cost of settling and maintaining the family will come from the Bergthal group, which has

contributions and pledges of more than \$35,000.

"The idea is for the family to be self-sufficient in a year," Heidebrecht said.

Heidebrecht said a home has been rented for the family in Olds. The 30 volunteers will provide settlement and daily living assistance and advice out of their funding and volunteer time, ranging from home furnishings and suitable clothing to learning how to bank, shop, registering for provincial health care and school for the children.

"We will not 'do it for them,' we will walk alongside them while they do it," Heidebrecht said.

"They will no longer be refugees."

The volunteer group is preparing to divvy up the tasks and preparing a welcoming party. The family speaks Arabic so translation help - volunteer or professional - is one task on the list.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

2016 Assessment Notices were mailed on January 15, 2016

If you own property and have not received your assessment notice by January 22, 2016, please contact the Tax Department at 403.335.3391 ext. 1107

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January 21 - Xbox Day	February 25 - Crafty Corner
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February 4 - Weird Science	March 10 - Wacky Wii Day

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School Zone Awareness

This year our Peace Officers will be spending more time in the school zones monitoring speeding, parking where prohibited, stop signs as well as making sure drivers are obeying the crossing guards. We had a few close calls last year and want to ensure the safety of the children and parents in these areas, especially during the high volume traffic times. We would like to remind everyone that the crossing guards are volunteering their time for the protection of the children and have the authority to stop vehicles for the sake of letting pedestrians cross.

Manager of Protective Services
Derek Sutherland

ROLLOUT CART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

January

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Please visit www.didsbury.ca/town/recycling to view the zone map to determine what day your bin will be picked up.

- Recycling Blue Bins will continue to be picked up every week until the end of April. Beginning May 1, recycling roll-out bins will come into effect and be picked up every other week, in conjunction with compost.

February

9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25

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If you are interested in participating, or just need further information, please contact the Town of Didsbury office at 403.335.3391 or visit our website at www.didsbury.ca.

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From left, deputy chief Curtis Mousseau, Didsbury Elks member and Chief Craig Martin with some of the bears that the Elks are donating to the Didsbury Fire Department on Jan. 13.

Noel West/MVP Staff

Judge says "get on a different path"

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

On July 4, 2015 at 9 p.m. at Grimmon House in Didsbury, 10 violent minutes permanently changed the lives of an at-risk teenager and her caseworker.

The caseworker was playing video games with her clients when an escape took place that had been planned for two days and was masterminded by the accused, who, at 15, was the oldest of the three adolescent girls involved.

The story unfolded at a sentencing hearing before Judge George Gaschler in Didsbury provincial court Jan. 13 for the last of the three to be dealt with by the justice system. She is now 16 years old.

The girls cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act; the caseworker is still recovering from the attack on her that night and needs her anonymity.

A statement of facts were agreed upon by Crown Prosecutor Ron Pedersen, defence lawyer Donna Derie-Gillespie and the young offender who pleaded guilty to nine Criminal Code charges and five under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The caseworker was assaulted and stabbed with a pair of scissors, tied up with the cord from the video game player, confined and threatened if she called for help.

The girls stole a set of keys and escaped in a van. They drove to Calgary and one of the girls was abandoned at a gas station. She called the police for help and was not charged in the incident.

The other two girls were on the streets in Calgary until July 14 when the 16-year-old sentenced Jan. 13 was arrested at a Walmart for shoplifting \$63 worth of cosmetics.

She was in custody without bail for 184 days prior to being sentenced.

In a victim impact statement read at the sentencing hearing, the caseworker wrote "my life has changed."

The wound inflicted by the scissors to her face near her right eye left a scar that will require plastic surgery.

She suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and has had therapy. "I am fearful for my safety," she wrote.

At the time of writing the statement, she had not been back to work.

"I care about youth. (Being a caseworker with young

offenders) is a difficult job, but I'm OK with that. I see lives changed. I wish (the 16-year-old being sentenced) the best."

When asked for her response by Judge Gaschler, the accused said, "She is completely right. Nobody deserves that."

Judge Gaschler said, "she was there to provide you with help and care."

He imposed a six-month deferred custody sentence, followed by two years on probation. "She needs ongoing supervision and counselling," Judge Gaschler said. He ordered her to report as required by her probation officer.

He required her to write a letter "of apology and understanding" to the caseworker she attacked but is to have no other contact with her or with the others involved in the escape from Grimmon House.

He ordered a DNA sample be taken from her, ordered a two-year ban on her owning a firearm and prohibited her from being in a vehicle without the registered owner.

He imposed a 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew on her, and ordered her to answer her telephone and open her door when called on by supervising peace officers.

He ordered her not to use intoxicants and not to be in a place where alcohol is sold.

He said he was taking the freedom that a person of her age wants. She has had six months of sobriety while in custody, and Judge Gaschler advised her to "get on a different path."

She faces a choice between drugs and sobriety, Pedersen said after the sentencing. In his experience a drug addict needs to hit rock bottom before they change.

Derie-Gillespie said that the girl has been in care since she was five or six years of age and was removed from her family in Pigeon Lake.

"The judge gave her a chance with this sentence," Derie-Gillespie said, adding that she has to stay away from drugs.

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January 22, 29. Story time begins again at the Library. Join Rachel and her friend Ted for some singing, dancing, and a story or two. Story time is on Friday mornings at 10:30am. Bring your 3 to 5 year old (older and younger siblings are welcome) to enjoy 30 to 45 mins free interactive reading sessions.

January 27. Coffee and Conversation at the Didsbury Museum from 1 to 3:30 pm. Starting off the New Year with local artist Dee Poisson. Dee will be speaking about her art work and demonstrating how to work with coloured pencils.

January 27. Family Literacy Day. Celebrate literacy and the joy of reading with the Didsbury Library. Read for 15 minutes; log your reading with the Library on Facebook, Twitter, our website: dml.prl.ab.ca, a postcard at the Library, email: didsburylibrary@prl.ab.ca, or phone 403-335-3142...help us to win with the largest percentage of readers in our town. #readfor15Didsbury.

January 27, 28, 29, 30. Didsbury Library services are closed for inventory. Please feel welcome to use our paperback exchange cart at the front door, or any of our Little Free Libraries at the Post Office, Victoria Square Mall, and Ross Ford School grounds. The book return will be open and all fines exempt on items returned during our closure.

January 27. Rosebud Health Foundation AGM at the conference room of the Hospital at 7 pm.

January, February, March. CALL TO ARTISTS. Mountain View Arts Society will be hosting "A BRUSH WITH ART" Spring Show & Sale at the Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo -Didsbury Memorial Complex Saturday, April 9 - 9-5 pm and Sunday, April 10 - 12-5 pm. Deadline for submissions of your art work for the show and sale is March 28, 4 pm. Information: www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-512-9888.

February 2. Didsbury District Healthcare Auxiliary will be holding their Annual General Meeting February 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Education Room at the Didsbury Hospital. All are welcome. New members would be appreciated.

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Colts are peaking for the playoffs

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

It was a sweet homecoming night after two weeks on the road for the Mountainview Colts Jan. 16, with an offensive display of 11 goals scored against the hapless Stettler Lightning in an 11-4 victory.

The team had been on the road since Jan. 2 for six games and lost four of seven road games. The circuit ended Jan. 15 with a 10-2 trouncing of the High River Flyers in High River.

Twenty-one goals in two games that saw the team register a total of 88 shots on goal including back-to-back hat tricks for Jacob Vander Zaag. Tyson Schmidt also had two-goal nights against the Flyers and Lightning. Evan Ingram and Ryan Klinck also scored two goals against the Lightning.

Other Colts goals in the High River game came from Connor Jorgenson, Reed Engman, Clinton Armitage, Mitch Visser and Keaton Perigny.

In the game against the Lightning, Vissar



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts' Ryan Klinck (21) at the Stettler Lightning net, takes a pass from Jack Vergouwen (23) as Stettler goalie Taylor McLaughlin sweeps at the puck to disrupt the attack. The Colts beat the Lightning 11-4 on Jan. 16.

and Armitage got a goal apiece.

The scoring power that fans knew the Colts were capable of has been unleashed in time for the playoffs that start in February. The team has four remaining regular season games - a return engagement with the Lightning in Stettler Jan. 22, a trip to Red Deer Jan. 30 to play the Vipers, and home engagements with Coledale Jan. 23 and Blackfalds Feb. 5.

In the two games that netted the scoring bonanza, the Colts also avoided

penalties and the coaches believed that contributed to the lopsided wins. Only defenceman Dennis "Don't Mess With Me" Lawrence spent extended time in the sin bin, collecting six minutes for two roughing infractions and an elbowing call.

Mountainview ended the weekend with 51 points and command of first place, the Airdrie Thunder ranks second with 46 points and the Red Deer Vipers are in third with 42 points.

Statistically Airdrie

can retake the top spot, but Mountainview would have to lose at least one remaining game while Airdrie would have to win all its schedule.

On Jan. 11, the Red Deer Vipers briefly moved into second place in the northern division of the Heritage Junior B League with a 4-3 victory over the Colts.

After the game, the Vipers had 41 points to the third-place Airdrie Thunder's 40 points, with the Mountainview Colts in first place with 45 points in spite of the loss.

The victory came on two goals by the Vipers in the first period and two in the third frame. Conner Veroba, Kale Lapointe, Avery Weenik and Anthony Neurauder scored for the Vipers and Cole Sears chalked up the win in net.

The Colts scored three times in the second period, had the game tied at the mid-way point and surged ahead of the Vipers 3-2 before the period ended. Jacob Vander Zaag scored once on a power play and a second time when the Colts were short-handed. Tyson Schmidt got the go-ahead goal.

The Colts led for 10 minutes until Weenik tied the game four minutes into the third frame.

However, they were unable to connect on 11 shots in the third period while Red Deer scored twice on 12 shots.

The final game of the regular season Feb. 5 will also be the Mountainview Colts' annual charity fundraiser, this year to benefit the Rural Alberta Motorcycle Ride for Dad on June 25. The ride raises money for the Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation.

The Colts will play against the Blackfalds Wranglers and there will be a silent auction and door prize. The \$5 admission will go to the Ride for Dad.



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June Lore (right) looks over photos of her family with attendees of a reminiscence session at the Carstairs Heritage Centre on Jan. 13. *Patricia Riley/MVP Staff*

Lore shares her story at reminiscence

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

An 86-year-old Carstairs resident choked back tears when talking about the Second World War during a reminiscence session at the Carstairs Heritage Centre on Jan. 13.

June Lore's family immigrated to Canada from Germany in the 1920s. She said the Gestapo, which was the official secret police of Nazi Germany,

was after her family.

"My uncle caught wind that the Gestapo would be knocking on my father's door, so we got a quick trip to Belgium," said Lore. "Otherwise I might not be standing before you today. It was a pretty scary time."

She, along with her parents and two sisters, moved to Calgary in 1946. She attended Crescent Heights High School, where she met her husband Jim.

After graduating from high school,

she studied nursing at the University of Alberta, and Jim studied agriculture.

They were married in Calgary and moved to a farm near Carstairs after graduating from university.

They lived in a shack on the farm with no running water for quite some time before converting a pantry into a bathroom with running water.

They built a house on the property in 1961, where they raised two daughters and three sons.

"We had many great memories there," she said, adding she and Jim led travel tours together for many years and went to several places, including China, Brazil, Australia and New Zealand.

They sold the farm and moved to Carstairs for retirement six years ago.

They have been married for 62 years and have 10 granddaughters, two great-granddaughters and a great-grandson on the way.

Police briefs

Impaired driver arrested

Didsbury RCMP officers arrested and charged a driver with impaired driving near Carstairs on Jan. 10.

A 26-year-old man was driving southbound on Highway 2 when officers pulled him over just south of the Carstairs overpass around 6:30 a.m. and arrested him.

He is expected to make his first court appearance in Didsbury provincial court on Feb. 29.

Man charged for uttering threats

Didsbury RCMP officers charged a 38-year-old man in Carstairs on Jan. 2 for uttering threats.

Corey Wilson is expected to make his first court appearance in Didsbury provincial court on Feb. 8.

Ford broken into, tires stolen

Carstairs Ford was broken into sometime overnight on Jan. 11 and several tires were stolen.

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kimberley Pasloske said police believe someone tried to cut the lock on a Seacan at Family Auto Sales but was unsuccessful and walked over to Carstairs Ford where they were able to cut the lock on a building there.

A Dodge Ram was also stolen from Carstairs around 5 a.m. on Jan. 12 and later recovered east of Didsbury.

The owner had left it running unattended at the Shell station in Carstairs.

Police believe all three incidents could be related.

Didsbury RCMP officers are asking for anyone with any information regarding these incidents to contact the detachment at 403-335-3382 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Opinion

Commentary The changing volunteer culture

Didsbury's community life is unthinkable without volunteers.

School programs depend on parent volunteers.

The museum keeps its doors open on an astonishingly tiny budget because it is given 600 volunteer hours a year. Churches rely on New Testament volunteering called discipleship.

The chamber of commerce looks to its members to assist with committee work and physical labour to decorate for Country Christmas.

Charitable fundraising and distribution is done by volunteers from the Elks, the Lions, the Christmas Helpers, Bikers for Christ, the Mountainview Colts... to name just a few of the quiet behind-the-scenes campaigns.

Volunteers produce Mountain View Arts Society events – the spring art show, the autumn arts festival and for the first time this summer, Days of Yore.

4-H depends on volunteers. So does minor hockey.

The annual Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel is organized and produced by three months of volunteer work.

Political life depends on party volunteers and volunteer activists who organize petitions and protests.

Volunteers solicit businesses to volunteer money for dozens of worthy causes.

Every week among the walk-ins at the Didsbury Review are volunteers committed to community causes and events.

A good rural community newspaper reports volunteer-dependent events each week.

This list is not comprehensive, it merely illustrates the range and depth of volunteerism in Didsbury.

Some of the senior leadership of volunteerism in Didsbury, who meet several times a year at inter-agency brown-bag lunches, talked informally recently about the future of volunteering and the volunteer culture in Didsbury.

Every volunteer organization in town struggles with leadership burnout.

Volunteer leaders spend years waiting for a replacement.

Volunteer boards have sizes set by law for non-profit or charitable status or grant application eligibility that are too large to fill easily.

Younger people don't volunteer as readily as their parents did. Many families want or need two incomes. There are many more single parent families. Commutes to work are longer.

Younger people, especially young parents, just don't have as much disposable time as an earlier generation did.

Didsbury's volunteer culture has farm roots from a day when volunteering started in the farmyard. Farmers helped each other with the harvest. Students' fathers served as the school board.

A neighbour was ill or injured and had no one else to turn to except family and neighbours; the distinction between extended family and neighbours became blurry and a good community was a bit of both.

There were hermits and solitary occupations – trapping, timber cruising and prospecting – but these were exceptions.

The cooperative movement was born at the creameries and grain elevators. Farmers were the progressives in Prairie politics and they learned progressivism as volunteers.

Volunteering is – well – voluntary.

It is an expression of freedom.

It is an expression of community values.

It is several thousand personal choices.

In the future new volunteers may make choices that produce a community unlike this one.

They will make those choices freely according to their values.

Just as we do now.



Letters The cost of Shantz Crossing

How much has been spent to date by the Town of Didsbury on the Shantz Crossing Industrial Park? That seems like a simple, straightforward question. A definitive answer seems quite elusive to town council and administration.

The first answer is \$3.5 million; that being the total of the debentures issued by council by way of borrowing bylaws in 2011 and 2012. The second answer is by way of a letter from Mayor Mousseau to me in March 2015 identifying costs as of July 31, 2014 (excluding interest expense) were \$6.9 million. The third answer is \$5.2 million; that being the amount recorded in the Dec. 31, 2014 year-end audited financial statements. Attempts to obtain clarification from the town over the past three months on the fore-noted have been unsuccessful.

In fact, none of the above may be the right answer as possible marketing, legal and other costs have not been included in any of the above capital costs. Furthermore, taxpayers have

incurred over \$180,000 of interest expense (as of 2014). And of course, any sale of lots in Shantz Crossing will result in realtor fees, plus additional administrative and legal expenses.

Residents learned in the 2016 budget process an additional \$1.8 million is required for the Rosebud trunk line sewer system to create a functional industrial area. Are there more future capital costs for Shantz Crossing to be borne by the taxpayer?

At the end of the day, without being able to arrive at a definitive total project cost, how can taxpayers be certain proceeds from the sale of lots will result in complete recovery of their investment in Shantz Crossing?

As taxpayers, not only do you deserve answers, you deserve accurate, transparent and accountable answers.

It's your money.

K.R. (Kevin) Bentley
Didsbury

Traffic safety at the schools

In response to the Jan. 12 Didsbury Review article about traffic enforcement in front of Ross Ford Elementary School, I'd like to first off, say a big thank you to the volunteers who are acting as crossing guards and watching over children at the most dangerous spots on the street.

Also, thank you to the RCMP for offering to start enforcing some simple laws, though in the last five years of walking my kids to school on a nearly daily basis, I still haven't seen them do anything other than drive down the street on occasion.

All this extra vigilance will not alleviate the traffic chaos and danger that happens in front of our schools twice a day. The responsibility for this, I feel, rests almost completely with the Town of Didsbury and the lack of proper sidewalks, crosswalks and road to school entryways that should

have been built years ago, long before they ever spent a cent on Shantz Crossing or other projects that have cost this town a fortune.

There should be a wide pedestrian/bicycle sidewalk running the entire length of 23rd Street on the west side, with properly marked and constructed entries into both Ross Ford and Westglen schools, along with proper crosswalks.

The bus lane should be moved into the back alley between Westglen and Ross Ford. Regardless of how much enforcement we have, the layout and current infrastructure is poorly designed and underutilized and as such, will never be safe until the town and schools get together and do some serious rethinking about priorities.

Vince Hannah
Didsbury

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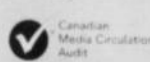
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(Left to right) Didsbury Lion Allan Gingrich, AG Foods manager Greg Poirier, Didsbury Lions president Leo Dussault and Brett Quigley of AssistAbility celebrate the Lions' gift of an electric cart (inset) to assist shoppers with mobility challenges at AG Foods.

Letters

Rosebud Health Foundation in action

The date for the annual general meeting (AGM) of the Rosebud Health Foundation is Jan. 27. This meeting will be held in the education room of the Didsbury hospital at 7 p.m. We would like to make it known that the foundation is alive and well and that dozens of volunteers over the years have served in the effort to make the Didsbury hospital what it is today.

An impressive list of extras has been purchased over the years for our hospital with money donated by people from throughout the hospital district that takes in the communities of Carstairs, Cremona, Water Valley, Didsbury and a big part of Mountain View County. These extras aid our dedicated medical staff and doctors to provide the best care and comfort that everyone hopes for when the need arises to be a patient. The impressive amount of funds raised - \$1.2 million since 1996 - can only be attributed to the unmistakable importance the general public places on our hospital. A heartfelt thank you is due to all the contributors and volunteers in this huge hospital region that have supported the foundation in this ongoing effort.

Over and above the \$1.2 million, another community effort raised the funds that will hopefully be sufficient for the construction of a new heliport that now has the chance to become a reality in 2016. The tender package for the construction of the new heliport

was released Jan. 7 and the facility is scheduled to be finished in the late summer or early fall of 2016.

Many of you have had the chance to see the new Tree of Hope located on the hill in front of our hospital during the Christmas season. The tree is a symbol of hope in many ways. Firstly, it stands for the offer that palliative care patients can remain in comfort during their hospital stay. Secondly it stands for hope that this care facility will serve all of us and expand for years to come. Thirdly, it stands as a reminder to a younger generation to become involved as a volunteer so that growth of the care facility is ensured.

We would like to extend an invitation to become a member of the foundation or participate as a candidate for the board at the AGM to keep the flames of the Rosebud foundation burning, as was intended by the founding members in 1996 - many of which are no longer with us. Please attend the AGM on Jan. 27, if not to get elected to the board as a director, then to inform yourself of the good work that is being done by the foundation. If nothing else you are assured to get a cup of coffee and a cookie at the event. An annual membership can be obtained for \$5.

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Students Against Drunk Driving seek funds

The Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) group at Didsbury High School (DHS) is fundraising to send students to the Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving conference in Calgary April 7-10, 2016.

We have 11 members in our SADD group and many are unable to pay for this opportunity on their own.

We are hoping to provide subsidy or full payment if possible.

The student members of SADD have been actively involved in doing community work and have also been busy organizing events at Didsbury High School, such as hat days, bake sales

and popcorn sales, but the group is coming up short to help pay for this conference. The hope is that we can send as many students as possible, so they can bring ideas back to the school and community that will bring awareness around the dangers of drinking and driving, and distracted driving.

Thank you for any support you can give. If you have any questions please contact me at DHS at 403-335-3356.

*Andrea Caines
SADD coordinator at
Didsbury High School*

Kudos to Gil at Home Hardware

On Dec. 31, 2015 I went to Home Hardware for parts for my office chair. When I inquired as to whether or not the store had the parts, Gil (an employee at Home Hardware) went above and beyond his duties and managed to not only put my chair together with the proper screws, but also made a part that the store didn't carry and painted it and installed it.

The store charged me for just the parts and the service was on the house. I would like to publicly express my gratitude to Gil and Home Hardware in Didsbury for fixing my office chair. Now that is the true neighbourly spirit! Thank you Gil and Home Hardware!

*Margaret Neuhouse
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Council approves land re-designation

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Town of Carstairs officials are one step closer in negotiating a land swap deal that would give a home developer a piece of land between the community hall and elementary school in exchange for land on the east side of town, which they are eyeing for a tri-services building site.

Second and third readings were given to a bylaw re-designating the seven-acre town-owned parcel by the community hall to low density residential from public facility, during the Jan. 11 council meeting.

The re-designation allows for the development of single detached housing on the property.

Town officials are now in a position to enter further negotiations with the developer to exchange that piece of land for a five-acre parcel adjacent to the campground.

They are eyeing the plot of land in the Carlinton subdivision for a possible emergency services building or buildings that would house the fire department, ambulance and other emergency services like police and community constables.

Carl McDonnell, chief administrative officer for the town, said as the town grows, having emergency services in one location would be more cost-effective than having standalone buildings scattered around town.

If the land swap deal is approved, the developer would like to build 37 single-family lots on the seven-acre parcel of land between the elementary school and the community hall.

A public hearing regarding the land re-designation was held during the Jan. 11 council meeting.

Bill Wylie, who recently moved to town and lives on MacEwan Place, said he is not opposed to the proposed development, but he expressed concerns with water pooling on that piece of land.

He currently uses the green space to

walk his dog and play Frisbee and said he has had "bootfuls" of water in the spring after a rainstorm.

Coun. Rick Blair said there would be a stormwater management study conducted that would require approval from the town's engineers.

Sarah Nielsen from Urban Systems, which is the town's engineering consultant, told council the land re-designation proposal was circulated to adjacent landowners and various stakeholders.

She provided council with a letter from one resident, who also lives on MacEwan Place, which expressed concerns with the possible loss of green space south of his property.

"This green space was the deciding factor of why my wife and I purchased the home as opposed to living in higher density areas such as Calgary or Airdrie," reads the letter from Steve Rodger.

"As we believed we purchased into a mature neighbourhood, we did not believe we would have to deal with a project like the addition of 35 to 40 new homes directly behind us," he said, adding he believes the development would adversely affect the value of his property.

Patricia Maloney, who is a senior planner with Dillon Consulting, spoke to council on behalf of the land re-designation application, and said there would still be a 10-acre green space by the elementary school.

An open house was also held on Dec. 16 following first reading of the bylaw in November.

Maloney said concerns expressed by residents at the open house included traffic congestion and speed, storm runoff and water pooling, parking space and the size of houses.

She said not a lot can be done about the traffic, there will be two parking spots per lot as well as parking on the streets, and the water pooling can be fixed.

She also said the smallest lot would be 50 feet wide and the largest would be 80.



Courtesy of Phil Hambrook

LOOKING FOR SALT - Sheep lined up on the road to Ya Ha Tinda looking for road salt off of vehicles on New Year's Day.

Phone police if you see something suspicious

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

Olds and District Rural Crime Watch Association secretary-treasurer Judy Schlichenmayer is urging residents to phone police if they see something suspicious occurring.

"I think society in general is reluctant to phone in stuff," she says.

"I see that on Facebook all the time. 'Oh yeah, I saw somebody in the parking lot (of a local business) — you know, trying to get into vehicles.'"

"And the question is, 'did you phone the police?'"

"Well no, they won't do anything about it."

"But if they know something's going on, they can start tracking those incidents," she says.

Schlichenmayer says parking lots are 'prime targets' for thieves.

She notes a lot of thefts — or attempted thefts — occurred in parking lots in Olds just before Christmas.

Thieves were especially interested in vehicles that had packages inside.

"Make sure you lock things up. Don't leave your keys in your vehicle because things are just rampant right now with theft of vehicles," Schlichenmayer says.

"Then they're burning them up afterward to get rid of the evidence. It's just crazy."

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Syrian refugee resettlement plan not the right priority: Shi

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

A 44-year-old Syrian concrete worker, his 33-year-old wife and their eight children, ranging from two months to 18 years of age, will be settling in Olds with the financial sponsorship of a group of Didsbury and Carstairs-area citizens.

The family is currently in a refugee camp in Turkey and will be flying to Canada some time in the next two months, a group meeting of 30 at the Bergthal Mennonite Church learned Jan. 14 from its volunteer leader, Phil Heidebrecht of Crossfield.

The family will be asked to repay their airfare and the Canadian government will contribute \$11,000 in the first year of their life in Canada. The balance of the cost of settling and maintaining the family will come from the Bergthal group, which has

contributions and pledges of more than \$35,000.

"The idea is for the family to be self-sufficient in a year," Heidebrecht said.

Heidebrecht said a home has been rented for the family in Olds. The 30 volunteers will provide settlement and daily living assistance and advice out of their funding and volunteer time, ranging from home furnishings and suitable clothing to learning how to bank, shop, registering for provincial health care and school for the children.

"We will not 'do it for them,' we will walk alongside them while they do it," Heidebrecht said.

"They will no longer be refugees."

The volunteer group is preparing to divvy up the tasks and preparing a welcoming party. The family speaks Arabic so translation help – volunteer or professional – is one task on the list.

Saluting haggis and legend of Robbie Burns

BY KRISTINE JEAN
MVP Staff

For nearly two decades Bowden Grandview School has honoured the life and work of renowned Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns.

Grade 4 students at the school participated in the 19th annual 'Burns in Bowden' event on Jan. 15, commemorating and celebrating Burns' contributions to poetry and his influence on Scottish literature.

"I think the poetry is of lasting value,"

said teacher Bill Whitehead. "I had the kids memorize some poetry and the event has grown from there, he said.

"The first year was just poetry recitation from the students and now parents come out (for the celebration) and we have haggis, pipes and (Highland) dancing."

In addition to reciting poetry, students were also entertained by a local Highland dancer from Spruce View and participated in several Scottish traditions, including trying some haggis.

"Michael McLetchie will do the address to the haggis – a very dramatic address to the haggis," said Whitehead, adding McLetchie piped in the traditional Scottish fare.

"His presentation of the haggis is great."

"The kids are wide-eyed and they're encouraged to try the haggis," he said. Haggis today often consists of (beef) liver, onions, oatmeal and spices.

"It's put into a sausage casing. It used to be from sheep but it's not done like that anymore," explained Whitehead.

Many Canadians today celebrate the Scottish poet's Jan. 25, 1759 birthday, every winter.

For Whitehead, the hour-long event at the Bowden school last Friday was an important way to remember Burns' contributions and his lasting impact.

"We spend quite a bit of time with tweets and social media and we don't pay too much attention to word craft skills," said Whitehead. "Robbie Burns' poetry is crafted, he was a wordsmith."

"He had so many subjects that are of lasting value. I have the kids memorize his poems because it is well done."

"Even though it's 200 years old, (his work) is still meaningful."

In addition to entertaining the students, the event is also a great learning experience, noted Whitehead.

"It's an opportunity for students to learn about Burns, learn a little bit about Scotland and perhaps of their own roots and where they (and their families) were from," he said, noting the popularity of 'Burns in Bowden' over the years.

"The event has been well received," he added. "There are always kids out in the hall from different grades, from Grade 4 and up, wanting to know if there's any haggis leftover because they enjoyed it," said Whitehead. "It was something new for them and it was an experience they have relived."

The Innisfail Legion Pipe Band will also be holding its annual Robert Burns Day event at the Innisfail Royal Canadian Legion on Feb. 5.

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born June 24, 1936, left this world peacefully at the Bethany Care Centre in Calgary on Friday, January 8, 2016, after an extended period of ill health. She was predeceased by her father, Harold, of Didsbury in 1978, and her mother, Mabelle, also of Didsbury in 2001. She is survived by her husband, Vern, of Calgary, sons Brent, Kevin and Greg, daughter Carolyn Farmer, seven grand-children, three great grand-children, her brother Edward of Olds and several nephews and nieces. Alta Mae will be remembered as a caring, loving and generous mother and grandmother, and a faithful wife. A memorial service in honour of her life will be held at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church of Didsbury at 1 PM, February 6. Memorial donations in her honour may be made to the Canadian Bible Society or the Samaritan's Purse. Heartland Funeral Services of Didsbury facilitating.

"We sorrow not as some who have no hope." (1 Thess. 4:13)

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Bonspiel celebrates a special relationship

BY KRISTINE JEAN
MVP Staff

Area farmers and members of the Innisfail business community are teaming up for the 70th annual Farmers and Farmerettes Bonspiel in Innisfail.

This year the event takes place from Jan. 17 to 23 at the Innisfail Curling Rink.

"The whole (basis) behind it was to try and bring the farming community together with the business community," said Todd Marshall, vice-chair of the event. "The farming community supports the business community with their purchases, and then we hold a bonspiel like this where the businesses have a chance to throw some sponsorship back at it to provide some prizes."

The event speaks to the success of the long-standing relationship between farmers and the business community in Innisfail, noted Marshall. Over the years, it has become a very popular curling event, he added.

"It allows everybody to come together, have some fun and forget about the business side (of things) for the week," he said, noting the partnership and opportunity for both farmers and businesses to network.

This year there are a total of 48 teams participating in the Farmers and Farmerettes Bonspiel - 32 men's teams and 16 women's teams. Curlers come from around the region, including Red Deer to Olds and Caroline to Torrington.

During opening ceremonies on Monday afternoon, the Farm Family of the Year, Scott Little Farms Ltd., and the Small Business of the Year, Day Dental and Bowden Physiotherapy, threw a ceremonial rock to officially kick off the annual bonspiel.

"We have at least two farmers on a team," said Marshall. "We then as a committee draw out a local business person that joins the team and curls with you for the week," he added, noting close to 200 curlers participate in the event.

A12-member committee chaired by Tim Kreil ensures the overall success of the annual curling event.

"We have members on our committee that help with organizing the bonspiel, finding the sponsors, putting the teams together and making sure everything runs smoothly for everybody," said Marshall, noting the

positive feedback from both the local community and sponsors alike.

"The support from the community has been absolutely fantastic with the sponsorship," he added, noting how he looks forward to the farmers and farmerettes curling bonspiel every year.

"We'd really like to thank our sponsors for provid-

ing the donations that allows us to put a bonspiel like this on every year," said Marshall. "It allows everybody to come out, curl and have some fun for the week."

The 70th annual Farmers and Farmerettes Bonspiel wraps up on Jan. 23 with a banquet and awards night at the Innisfail Curling Club.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Berghal Mennonite Church

Pastor: Anna - Lisa Salo
Didsbury, Alberta - 5km S of the Didsbury
Overpass, 8km E on Berghal Rd.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
For more information phone 403-335-4451
Hearing Interpreter
email: berghal@xplornet.com
www.berghalmennonitechurch.com

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue 403-335-8373
Join us for worship 10 a.m. Sundays.
For information go to www.knox-united.com
People make the place!
We are happy to welcome Rev. Janice Wells

Venue Church

Welcome Home
10:30 a.m. Sundays
Pastors Corey & Erin Kope
Pastors Richard & Beth Kope
1710 - 14 St., Didsbury 403-335-3551
Email info@venuechurch.ca
www.venuechurch.ca

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
Senior Pastor Don Shortt
Sunday Services 10:00 am
ALL WELCOME

Acme Church of God Seventh Day

2 miles South, 3 1/2 miles East of Acme
Saturday worship service: 10:00 am
For more information 403-947-2161 or 403-546-2603
www.acmecog.org

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
Mass every 2nd Saturday of month at 7:00 pm
For more information please contact
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Olds St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada
1500 - 23 St., Didsbury
Rev. Robert Mohns
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 2, 4 & 5 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
For further information visit
www.redeemerdidsbury.com

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury 403-335-4664
Rector: David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday each month

St. Agnes Catholic Church

302 - 11 Avenue South, Carstairs, Alberta
Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Parish Priest -
Fr. Thomas Vadassery
403-940-1100

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

#802 Secondary Highway 582
Phone: 403-335-3629
Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor,
Bruce Archer, Associate Pastor
Christine Little, Children's Pastor
Youth Pastor, Spencer Smith
Sunday School 9:30 am &
Worship Service 10:45 am
Programming for children up to Grade 6

Salvation Studio House

"And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."
Jesus Christ
2022-20th Avenue, Didsbury, AB
Church Service Times
Sunday 3-5 pm
Wednesday 7-9 pm - Salvation Theatre
(Christian Movie Night)
Call for more information 403-335-2828
Pastors Richard and Marjorie McCue
www.SalvationStudioHouse.com

Harvest Bible Chapel

Pastor: Jon Anderson
10 am Service
Olds Recreation Centre, 5202 52nd
Contact: 587-777-3314 or Jonanderson1@gmail.com

SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

HALL RENTALS:

ROSEBUD HALL RENTALS.

Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS Call Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

5-0 CLUB HALL RENTALS. For Hall rentals and/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Sloan 403-335-3443.

DIDSBURY ELKS HALL RENTALS.

Call Shelley Fakir 403-335-9213.

ST. CYPRIAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL RENTALS

contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745.

LONE PINE HALL, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190 for rental information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL For meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288.

FALLEN TIMBER COMMUNITY HALL offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for information at 403-637-2270.

MELVIN HALL - www.melvinhall.ca

For rentals: Alana, 403-335-8352.

WESTERDALE HALL - Contact Shirley 403-335-4145 or Barb 403-335-4498

WESTCOTT HALL RENTAL - Call 403-335-8669 for meetings, family events and reunions.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Val at 403-335-3990 or Sheila 403-335-9964.

BEAVERS MON. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. - Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES - Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS - Scheduled transportation for anyone on Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN VIEW CHAPTER - Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - Provides free accessible mental health services. 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

3025 RCACC DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS - Youth 12-18 Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM - Tuesday - Friday 9 - 4:30 pm, Saturday 1 - 4:00 pm By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS. - Call Norma to book your trip. 403-586-4090. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S - meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come.

PARENT LINK CENTER - Fun, FREE Programs for parents and children ages newborn to 6 yrs. Programs available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, #106, 2034 19th Avenue Didsbury. For more information call 403-559-7894 or www.mountainviewparentlink.org

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE - supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thurs. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE - is a resource centre for the town, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.

DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP meets every last Monday of the month. 3:00pm. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Sharon 403-335-7285.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE in OLDs is OPEN 10:00 - 5:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Call: 587-796-1611 or email olds@pregnancycare.ca NEW service, clothing boutique for maternity clothes and NB - 2 years of age FREE

DIDSBURY CRIBBAGE - Every Friday at 7:00pm. Elks Hall - main street Didsbury. Everyone Welcome!

KIDSPORT MOUNTAIN VIEW is looking for VOLUNTEERS. Call Tammy at 403-335-8982 or email: mountainview@kidsport.ab.ca 7-11

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL AGM - January 21, 2016 at 7pm at the Mountain View Community Hall. Refreshments served.

PARENTS & TOTS AT THE MUSEUM - Thursday, January 21, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm 2110 - 21 Ave. Get interactive with a hands on history lesson. Explore the classroom, homestead room, military room and so much more. For more information contact Shereen at 403-559-7894.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COLTS ANNUAL CHARITY FUNDRAISER - Friday, Feb 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm Admission \$5. A special night of hockey including a silent auction & door prizes at the Didsbury Arena. Proceeds to benefit the Rural AB Motorcycle Ride for Dad to aid in their fight against prostate cancer.

FRONT PORCH REALTY

Allen Reed and Rod Neufeld 335-2222 • www.frontporchrealty.ca • 2009 - 20 Avenue, Didsbury

2322 - 17 Avenue



1280 sq ft bungalow with plenty of recent upgrades, newer windows, roof and furnace, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautiful big yard, great location

\$274,900

14 Westpoint Dr.



Beautiful 6 bedroom, 3 bathroom home, fully developed, in floor heat, double attached and double detached garages, private park in back yard complete with fire pit

\$387,900

10 Valarosa Point



Brand new home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, tile, maple kitchen, open plan, 9' basement ceilings, full walk out, large yard, oversized double garage

\$354,900

1522 - 21 Avenue



Good potential starter home or revenue property, 2 bedrooms, single detached garage, close to rec centre, park and Tim Horton's

\$186,900

27 Didsbury Mobile Home Park



Affordable home on rented lot, nice laminate flooring, new furnace, 3 bedrooms & potential for a 4th, covered front porch, nice 2 tiered treated deck, 2 sheds

\$46,900

101, 1902 - 23 Street



Lovely unit in Westview Greens, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 9' ceilings, open plan, corner gas fireplace, floor heat, excellent location overlooking the golf course

\$189,900

1218 - 20 Street



Cute as can be upgraded home, 1000 sq ft, 2 bedrooms, 2 wall hung electric fireplaces, single garage, large lot

\$219,900

9 Sandpiper Drive



1363 sq ft home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, ceramic tile, oak kitchen, large south facing deck, 9' basement ceilings, roughed in for floor heat

\$334,900

Unit A, 1322 - 20 Street



Contemporary styled condo, 2 fully finished levels with a total of over 1800 sq ft, 9' and 10' ceilings, large windows, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths

\$199,900

207 Campus Green



Very well maintained 2 bedroom condo, 2 baths, open plan, corner unit with wrap-around balcony complete with 2 good sized storage closets, reasonable condo fees, quick possession

\$219,900

SCALING THE REAL ESTATE MOUNTAIN FOR YOU!

The Porch Boyz

1620 - 20 Avenue



Great starter or revenue property, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, original hardwood on main floor, single detached garage, great potential, zoned residential/commercial

\$164,900

26 McAlpine Place, Carstairs



1394 sq. ft. bungalow, 3 bedrooms, currently in the midst of renovations but priced accordingly, new windows, new high efficient furnace, electrical updates and more, come in and finish the work and enjoy a spacious family home

\$254,900

38 Bluebird Drive



wonderful family home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, newer laminate floors, open plan, maple kitchen with island, fully finished walk-out basement, 2 decks, fenced yard

\$344,900

302 Westview Greens



Top floor condo apartment unit, 2 bedrooms, 9' ceilings, west side location with balcony with beautiful view of the golf course, 25+ age restriction

\$184,900

130 Valarosa Drive



Beautiful new home, soaring vaulted ceilings, dark maple kitchen, very open plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 9' basement ceilings, backs onto trees

\$349,900

5 Valarosa Point



Beautiful new home, 1441 sq ft bkeval, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood and tile, 9' ceilings, awesome ensuite bath, large rear deck, backs onto greenspace/creek with open view

\$369,900

11 Park Road, Carstairs



Great starter mobile with addition on a rented lot, 2 bedrooms with potential for 3rd, upgrades to roof, windows and flooring, covered deck

\$39,900

107 Southridge Crescent



Well laid out bungalow, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, huge master with large walk-in closet complete with custom organizers, south facing deck, fenced yard

\$224,900

CALL TO ARTISTS

Mountain View Arts Society will be hosting
"A BRUSH WITH ART"
 Spring Show & Sale at the
 Didsbury Art, Travel and Trade Expo-Didsbury Memorial
 Complex Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10 2016
 Contact info: www.mountainviewartsociety.ca
 403-512-9888
 Deadline: March 28, 2016 at 4:00 pm